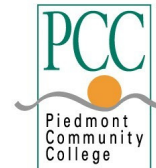


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Vendor Showcase 2008 **Vanessa Bass, Reference Librarian**

The Learning Resources Centers sponsored a Vendor Showcase on October 29, 2008. This was our third showcase. The Vendor Showcase is put together in order to allow faculty an opportunity to select materials such as books and different types of media. The Vendor Showcase invites book and technology vendors, so the administration and faculty can see first hand what kind of great new gadgets are out to enhance their instruction in the classroom.

Dean Bell invited several vendors to attend the showcase. The book vendors were Mary Elsie Daisey of Best Books Company, Jim Parker of SEBCO, and an electronic vendor Leonard DeSanto of H. W. Wilson, Co. Technology vendors were Keith Holland of Camcor, Inc., Darrin Scott of Smart Technologies, and Jeanie Martin of OneSource Building Technologies, Inc.

Distance Education Announcement **Angela Vaughn, Distance Education Staff Assistant**

Registration for spring classes starts December 2nd and runs thru the December 4th. Late registration will be January 7th thru the 9th. Classes begin on January 12th. Remember your online class will not show up on Blackboard until the first day of class.

Distance Learning Orientation is mandatory for students taking online classes for the first time. Returning online students are not required to complete the orientation. Students may take the orientation on-line or attend a face-to-face session. The face-to-face orientation will be held on the Person campus in D101, on Friday, January 9, 2009 from 5:30PM - 7:00PM.

Online orientation will be available at <http://www2.piedmontcc.edu/dlorientation> from December 2, 2008 through January 27, 2009.

Thirty-six faculty and staff attended the Vendor Showcase. Everyone enjoyed the experience and selected numerous materials for students, and the faculty visualized using the latest state of the art technology to enhance their instruction at Piedmont Community College. They selected materials that will aid students in their classes. These materials will be helpful for students' assignments, research papers, projects, and presentations. The new technology will wow students giving them a new surge to learn.

Thanks to everyone for making it a success, and the LRC looks forward to a more successful Vendor Showcase next year.

For more information on how to login go to http://www2.piedmontcc.edu/lrc/Distance_Learning/ and click on **Distance Learning Orientation**.

For information about your online or Hybrid classes go to http://www2.piedmontcc.edu/lrc/Distance_Learning/ and click on **Spring 2009 Course Information**.

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Hope to see you in the Spring!
The Distance Education Staff

Audio/Video Services

The Learning Resources Centers' Audio/Video department offers various services to enhance learning at Piedmont Community College. These services are available to both students and faculty.

Services include:

Poster Printing

Laminating

Taping Satellite Broadcasts

Document Scanning

Classroom Videos

Student Videos

Department Videos

Training Videos

Duplicating Non-Copyright DVDs



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"Keeping it Real"
Student Leadership Conference in Selma, Alabama
Antwoine Goza

Student leadership is sometimes a vague term. Many of us who are student leaders are learning for the first time. So, the question is, how can I lead when I am learning to lead? Well, after much thought, I have learned that I am a work in progress. However, in the process of growing my leadership skills, I have learned to take advantage of every opportunity presented to me. So, in the course of the past year, I have learned to network various opportunities and try to thread them together in some relevant manner. With this in mind, I would like to share a real student leadership experience.



Goza posing with the statue of Rosa Parks

The Minority Male Mentoring Program, which is often called 3-M, at Piedmont Community College provided me with opportunities I never thought I would experience at a rural community college.

Gretchen Bell, Dean of the Learning Resources Centers and Distance Education, connected me with Dr. Gloria Rembert of Mitchell Community College. They discussed the possibility of my attending the Student Leadership Conference in Selma, Alabama. It was truly a powerful experience to see and witness my own transformation!

As a member of 3-M at PCC, I attended the 4th Annual Student Leadership Conference at Wallace Community College, March 5-9, 2008 in Selma, Alabama. The theme of the Conference was "Making a Difference: Connecting Service Learning and Civic Engagement."

I was so glad that I was able to go to the conference in Selma, Alabama. My first impression and thoughts while I rode the bus down to Alabama was to think about the freedom riders, students from the northern states riding down to Selma, Alabama and other southern states to register folks to vote. They were brave. There were so many thoughts which ran through my mind. I was wondering about the conference, I had never been to Alabama, and we were going to Wallace Community College, a college named for George Wallace, an avowed racist who later converted and asked for forgiveness. All I could do was to think and wonder as we travelled to Alabama.

The Conference was a treat for my brain. I visited the Rosa Parks Museum, the Civil Rights Monument, and other historical areas where the history of the events surrounded the development of African-American history. It was truly mind blowing and powerful.

I was able to have a one on one conversation with James Ferguson, the mayor of Selma. Ferguson challenged my thoughts and made me think of ways and efforts to try to make a difference in this world. When I walked around the same places that African-Americans were beaten and killed in some cases, it made me feel like their dying was not in vain.

Before this trip to Selma, I did not care a lot about voting, but while in Selma, I really got a chance to see the true meaning behind the importance of voting, and it changed my life. My perspective changed how I started to see things. Now, I know that if I do not



People standing at Brown Chapel AME Church before marching to the Edmund Pettus Bridge

vote I do not have power to exercise my rights. Now, I know that voting does change things. I learned that Selma started a movement, and it went beyond the Edmund Pettus Bridge. It was due to the marches on March 7, 1965 that it would change things for African Americans forever. People were beaten to death and removed from their homes after marching over the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and they were sacrificed for the good of the movement. Shortly after the march from Selma to Montgomery, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It was this Act, which became real for me and serves as a reminder and as a part of history that I will take with me forever.

This leadership experience is one that has made voting a real issue for me, and I have committed myself to getting involved at a higher level in student government. I now serve as the Caswell Representative in Student Government.



Judge Greg Mathis speaking at the Hip Hop panel



Judge Joy Maybalean speaking at a mock trial